

the Chief Falconer, on his rounds, discovered in the cage of these Falcons an egg remarkable for the beauty of its colouring. This egg he furtively concealed in the folds of his dress and carried off to his quarters. Subsequently he presented it, for hatching, to a neighbouring prince, who vied with the Khan in his love of Falcons, and in exchange, he received a damsel of surpassing loveliness whom he had long desired to add to the number of his wives. Unfortunately for him, the Khan discovered the misdemeanour of his Falconer, who fell into disfavour and had to flee for his life across the sea to Circassia, where, perchance, some wandering ornithologist may again hear this story from the lips of one of his numerous descendants.

XXV.—*On the correct name of D'Aubenton's "Manucode à Bouquets."* By Lord ROTHSCHILD.

WHEN looking up Birds-of-Paradise in connection with the "Plumage Bill," Mr. T. Iredale drew my attention to the statement by Mr. Ogilvie-Grant on page 24 of the Jubilee Supplement of this journal, with regard to the synonymy of a species of *Diphyllodes*, that Dr. Hartert and I had agreed that his synonymy of this bird was correct. I wish here to put this synonymy right, and at the same time say I had not agreed to Mr. Grant's view.

Mr. Grant adopts Boddaert's name, changing his *speccosa* into *speciosa*, as being the author's intention. This he does because the name *speccosa* dates from 1781, whereas he asserted Pennant's name of *magnifica* in Forster's Indian Zoology dated only from 1795.

This is erroneous, as Pennant's name dates from the first German edition, viz. "Indische Zoologie, &c." herausgegeben von Johann Reinhold Forster, Halle 1781, not from the 2nd and 3rd English editions of 1790 and 1795. Therefore the correct name of D'Aubenton's bird (Pl. Enl. pl. 631) is *Diphyllodes magnifica* (Penn.) and not *D. speccosa* (Bodd.). Moreover, according to the International Rules *speciosa* is inadmissible, as only author's corrections in the current volume are valid.